

Abstract of the Disclosure

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The invention concerns a new secreted factor encoded by clone P00210_D09, and other mammalian homologues and variants of such factor, as well as polynucleotides encoding them. The invention further concerns methods and means for producing such factors and their use in the diagnosis and treatment of various cardiac, renal or inflammatory diseases.

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